

DULL DAY AT THE M. E. CONFERENCE

Spirited Debate Finally Woke Up the Members.

DR. BUCKLEY VANQUISHED

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS.

OS ANGELES, Cal., May 12.—Business moved very slowly in the Methodist general conference today, and the events of the day's sessions were dull and uninteresting to the crowds that filled the galleries and at times failed even to hold the attention of the delegates. The entire morning hours were taken up in a discussion of the report of the committee on rules of order, which occupied the first of the nineteen members of the important committee, which was in opposition to the recommendation of the rules committee, as reported by Dr. Buckley. The committee's report on this section finally prevailed.

Bishop Hartzell's Report.

Immediately after recess Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop of the Pacific, read his report to the conference. It was full of interesting details of his work in the "dark continent" and made strong appeal for additional funds to carry on his work. Bishop Hartzell, with 620 teachers and 5,000 scholars, the total value of the Methodist church's property in Africa is \$320,000, an increase of \$100,000 in the last quadrennium.

Bishop Hartzell paid an eloquent tribute to the character of the late Cecil Rhodes.

"I once asked Mr. Rhodes," said the bishop, "what was his ambition? He replied: 'My ambition is to do the greatest thing for humanity, and to give all my power to the unification of the English-speaking world.'"

Retirements of Bishops.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, chairman of the committee on episcopacy, made a partial report to the conference which was taken up for discussion tomorrow. The report relates to a passage in Bishop Merrill's request for retirement. The committee recommends that superannuated general superintendents be relieved of the obligation to travel at large and be permitted to reside in the place of their choice, that they shall not be assigned to an annual conference but may take the chair at an annual or a general conference upon request of the president; that they be placed in an advisory relationship to the body of bishops and become members of the different boards of which bishops are ex-officio members.

A committee was named to carry the greetings of the conference to the session in this city, and the conference adjourned for the day.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Alfred Bissell.
Oregon City, Ore., May 12.—Alfred Bissell, aged 30 years, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died here today. He was born at the home of his son-in-law, William M. Shank. Mr. Bissell was a descendant of the first settlers of Oregon, and was the first to settle in the city of Portland.

Ward S. Williams.
Richmond, Wis., May 12.—Ward S. Williams, first mayor of this city and a prominent business man, died here today. He was 62 years of age. Mr. Williams was a member of the legislature under Governor Stanford's administration.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Eaton.
Cincinnati, O., May 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Eaton, 72 years of age, died here today. She was a native of Cincinnati and was the widow of John H. Eaton, a prominent business man.

George Lincoln Dunlap.
Paris, May 12.—George Lincoln Dunlap of Chicago, died here today, aged 76 years. He was a prominent business man and was the president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

RULE OR RUIN POLICY.

Hearst Men Bolt the District Democratic Convention.

Washington, May 12.—The Democratic convention of the District of Columbia today elected the following delegates to the national convention at St. Louis: James I. Norris, Edwin B. Hay, J. Fred Keller, W. Graham McFadyen, John H. Moushey and John G. Campbell.

Six alternates also were selected. The delegates go to St. Louis tomorrow to vote on the platform, and also to elect a national committee. A plank in the platform was chosen for member of the national Democratic campaign committee. Mr. Norris was chosen for member of the national Democratic campaign committee. Mr. Norris was chosen for member of the national Democratic campaign committee.

Almost at the beginning of the proceedings of the convention there was a split followed a determined effort on the part of the Hearst followers to enforce a certain rule which they claimed had been altered after the convention was opened and a rumormongering was held and six delegates and alternates to the St. Louis convention were elected and instructed for Hearst. A platform was declared for anti-trust legislation and condemning the Republican party and the present administration. The delegates are expected to arrive in St. Louis tomorrow.

WOMAN EXONERATED.

Butte, Mont., May 12.—The quest over the remains of Frank Trice, who was killed by his wife during the night of Monday evening, was held this afternoon, resulting in the woman being exonerated. The jury found that the woman was not guilty of the crime.

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Get the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

JAPS CONCENTRATING AROUND PORT ARTHUR

(Continued from Page 1.)

STOESSEL WAS PREPARED.

Expected That the Japanese Would Cut Off Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, May 12, 9:30 p. m.—It is evident from a private letter written by an army officer at Port Arthur, dated April 20, that General Stoessel, the Russian commander there, was fully expecting the cutting off of his communications. The officer reported that everything was ready to withstand a siege, and expressed surprise that the Japanese had not yet delayed so long. He said the fortress was practically impregnable, adding that there was a "triple row of forts" around the Port Arthur docks, each position being fronted by a moat with a hedge of barbed wire beyond, with machine guns and other heavy weapons. The officer further declared that the port had plenty of supplies and ammunition and that the garrison was in excellent spirits and confident of being able to hold for nine months or a year against any number of the enemy, even if they possessed siege guns. General Kurapatin offered General Stoessel reinforcements, but the latter declined them, saying he had enough men and did not care to run the risk of an epidemic as the result of overcrowding.

Information reaching the general staff indicates that there is much business among the enemy's troops in Korea; typhus especially is said to be rampant.

Distribution of Crosses.

Liao Yang, May 12.—The first distribution was made today of crosses of the Order of St. George for the Eleventh and Twelfth regiments for bravery displayed at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng. The following order of the day was read to the soldiers:

"The commander of the Manchurian army sends these decorations for distribution to the men who showed great bravery at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng. Every one who receives the Cross of St. George must wear it with honor and pride as a mark of his reward of the emperor."

"Wear it, and if, with God's grace, you return to your family, tell your children and all your grand-children, how you fought on the heights of Kiu Lien Cheng, one against six."

Cossacks Attacked Anju.

Seoul, Korea, May 12.—(1:30 p. m.)—According to the latest official reports received here, the Russian forces which attacked Anju was part of General Mandoroff's flying column of 800 trans-Baikal and 100 Ussuri Cossacks. These troops came from Yalu and were covering twenty-five miles a day. Prisoners say that the force had provisions for only two days, and that the day was refused to fight.

During the engagement Japanese sharpshooters picked off several Russian officers.

Hospital Train.

Mukden, May 12.—The first properly equipped hospital train passed through here today on its way to Harbin with 252 wounded men on board. It was made up of twelve freight and passenger cars, and was escorted by a detachment of the Russian army. Each car was painted white and carried eight to twelve removable surgical operations was attached. The car carried nurses and Sisters of Charity. The men were well cared for and were well supplied with cigarettes.

Recovery Will Be Slow.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Grand Duke Cyril's whole nervous system has been somewhat seriously affected as the result of his experiences at the time of the blowing up of the battleship, the battleship off Port Arthur, April 13. The official report of his medical attendants says the grand duke will require the closest attention and will require careful treatment. His cure, the doctors say, will be a difficult and tedious process.

Coast Guard System.

London, May 12.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard reports that a Cossack prisoner, who was taken from the Russian lines, has organized a complete coast guard system from Kiang Sung in northeastern Korea, through Possiet bay to Vladivostok.

Denied by Pflug.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Major General Pflug, telegraphing from Mukden today's date, describes the reports that New Chung has been evacuated and that the troops guarding the railroad are to be withdrawn as being replaced by Chinese as being devoid of foundation.

Firing Heard.

Shan Hai Kwan, May 12, 5 p. m.—Firing is reported to have been heard today south of New Chung.

Denied at Tokio.

Tokyo, May 12, 8 p. m.—Official inquiry knows that Viceroy Alexieff's report that railroad communication with Port Arthur had been restored since Monday is untrue.

TIBETANS BOMBARD BRITISH MISSION

Gyang Tse, Tibet, May 10.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Tibetans have taken the offensive against the British mission camp here. From a fort about six furlongs away they are steadily bombarding the camp with a half-dozen pieces of solid cannon balls of 12 pound weight.

Another large gathering of Tibetans is reported from the Hong valley, and, although the British mission has decided that recent events in Tibet made it inevitable that the British mission must advance to Lhasa, the capital, unless the Tibetans consented to negotiate at Gyang Tse within a given date. The Chinese minister had been notified of this effect. At the same time, Mr. Brodick, the government does not intend to depart from its policy regarding Tibet, as previously announced. All the necessary measures will be taken to secure the lines of communication.

FORGE TICKETS OF ADMISSION

Sensational Feature of Illinois Republican Convention.

FOUR DELEGATES SELECTED

INDICATIONS THAT DEENEZ WILL BE DOWNED.

Springfield, Ill., May 12.—When the Republican state convention met today State Chairman Rowe presented as temporary chairman of the convention Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the national house of representatives. With a unanimous shout of approval, the convention approved the nomination. Chairman Cannon spoke briefly.

"It goes without saying," he remarked, "that the man selected chairman of this convention would be less than human were it not for the fact that he is a Republican."

At this juncture the speaker was interrupted by Secretary May, who presented him with a handsome silk badge of office.

"I would rather have that," he remarked, "than the yellow jacket of a Chinese mandarin." (Laughter and cheers.)

Defended Protection.

Then Mr. Cannon, resuming his formal speech, defended the policy of the party.

His reference to the late President McKinley in this connection was loudly cheered. The speaker then declared to the party he declared to be better than any other policy, the protection of the commerce of the United States.

He said, "It is worth more than all the commerce of all the nations of the world."

The policy of the Republican party, he said, was to uphold this system.

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ROBBERY THEIR TRADE

Copley Bandits Had Terrorized Seattle and the Sound Country.

Redding, Cal., May 12.—According to Detective William A. Horn, who has been at work on the Copley train robbery case since an hour after the commission of the crime, the trunk containing the money was found in the room of Bruce Van Drake (George Gates) at Dunsmuir, which Gates was anxious to hide from Mrs. Whitman to have destroyed, contained evidence that not only clearly established George Gates' connection with the robbery case, but held evidence that just as clearly showed that George Gates was the leader of the gang which held up several street cars in Portland and terrorized Seattle last summer. The evidence found in the trunk showing Gates' connection with the Northern street car hold-ups is a pair of shoes. They are patent leathers with peculiar scallops where the uppers and bodies of the shoes meet. At the time of the Portland-Seattle train hold-up it was remarked that the leader of the gang stood back and directed operations; that he was tall, erect and of middle age, and was described as a soldier as the leader of the gang. That leader always had on patent leather shoes with peculiar scallops similar to those on the Copley train trunk at Dunsmuir since the Copley affair.

The detectives as yet have nothing to show of the train robbery case, which was connected with the Northern hold-ups.

San Francisco, May 12.—Detective Thacker of Wells Fargo & Co., who has just been here from Seattle, says that it is known positively that George Gates was at Portland on April 23. He gave him just time enough to reach the train which sailed from Seattle on the 23d.

The police of Australia have been notified to look out for Gates. As the police of the United States are looking for him, it is not unlikely that the Gates boys and Armet held up the train from Seattle to Portland, there will be little trouble in proving it.

PRONOUNCED O. K.

Official Inspection of World's Fair Exhibit Palaces.

St. Louis, May 12.—After a five hours' tour of inspection of the world's fair grounds by the different officials and members of the board of directors, the following statement was made by the board of directors, expressing the sentiments of all:

"The national commission, the officers and directors, the board of lady managers and the foreign and domestic commission have this day completed their tour of inspection of the twelve exhibits of the world's fair grounds. The public that the exhibits are installed in all exhibit palaces and present the most complete and up-to-date of all the world's fair grounds."

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